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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I have been a customer of a competitive local internet and phone provider for over 20 years. They provided broadband access to our area well before any other options reached us. They are in the process of providing fiber, again, well ahead of the non-local companies.

They have consistently provided superior service versus the nationwide providers. Without competition, the quality of these services in our area would be at the mercy of the big, national brands who seem to have little interest in serving their customers. Competition is the pressure motivating businesses to constantly improve and strive to provide better service at better pricing for the consumer. Remove competition, and the our communication utilities will become diminished and less available to citizens. As integral utilities for business and personal advancement, that would directly impact citizen's ability to compete locally, nationally, and globally.

Choices for consumers allows us to vote with our wallets and drive innovation and improvement.

Thank you,

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